

## **920 TATTOO COMPANY FAQs**

### **DOES IT HURT?**

Yes, it hurts, but it is tolerable and nothing you can't handle. It feels like a scratch or a bad sunburn.

### **CAN I GO SWIMMING AFTER BEING TATTOOED?**

You want to wait at least three weeks before going swimming. This promotes good healing for your tattoo.

### **HOW MUCH DOES IT COST?**

This is one of our most frequently asked questions. It's a lot like asking how much a car costs. The answer is really going to depend on what you want. The shop minimum for tattoos is \$75. Pricing goes up from there. The size, location, and amount of detail for your tattoo will affect the price. Therefore the price may vary greatly from one tattoo to the next. Come in and ask your artist for an estimate if you need to know a price before you get started. **DO NOT** try to bargain with your tattoo artist like they're some vendor in an Indonesian night market. You wouldn't go to the grocery store or a restaurant and try to talk a clerk or a waiter into lowering the price. If all you have is a certain amount, ask the artist (preferably upfront) if they can work with that budget. Your artist will try to work with you as best as they can. If they can't, then wait and save up until you have the full amount. Bargaining in a tattoo shop is an exercise in bad taste and the quickest way to tick your artist off. If you're tempted to bargain, stop! If you can't afford the tattoo you want, talk to your artists and see if there's a way to work out a payment plan (multi-session/ pay as you go) or wait and save up. If you settle for something else or even a smaller version than you really want, you'll (probably) end up regretting it. Remember: "Good tattoos aren't cheap, cheap tattoos aren't good". People who "price shop" for tattoos end up with inferior tattoos- don't let that happen to you.

### **GIFT CERTIFICATES? WHAT'S THE DEAL?**

We have gift certificates for sale, because hey, gifts that keep on giving are the best, right? They can be used as deposits for tattoo appointments, to pay for the balance of tattoos or piercings performed in our studio, or for our merchandise (t-shirts, hoodies, hats, jewelry, etc). They expire **ONE YEAR FROM DATE OF PURCHASE**. As long as tattoo appointments are scheduled **BEFORE** the gift certificate's expiration date, we will honor it. We will not honor expired gift certificates that have expired. No exceptions.

We charge an hourly rate of \$150. **WE DO NOT** charge consults, set up, or drawing. You just pay for the time you are getting tattooed. Deposits are typically \$100: they are **NOT REFUNDABLE** and go towards your last session. Multi-session tattoos require a \$100/appointment deposit. For example; 4 appointments would require a \$400 deposit – (4X\$100=\$400). Again, this deposit is non-refundable, and non-transferable, and is applied to the cost of your final tattoo session. Think carefully before commissioning tattoo work. We invest a lot of time in creating high-quality designs and require deposits to compensate us for our time when potential clients no call/no show on appointments.

Tattoo artists DO NOT get paid an hourly wage - they earn a percentage of the money you pay for your tattoo. They depend heavily on tips to support themselves. If you receive exceptional service, please show your appreciation by tipping.

### **CAN I DRINK BEFORE OR AFTER GETTING TATTOOED?**

Drinking Alcoholic beverages before a tattoo is prohibited. As far as afterward, go right ahead. Have fun, but safely! Just remember if your tattoo still has a bandage on it, leave it alone. You can show your friends tomorrow - It will be there for the rest of your life.

**WHEN CAN I GET MY TATTOO TOUCHED UP?** You will want to wait at least 1 1/2 to 2 months before you get your tattoo touched up. This will give your skin enough time to regenerate and will make your touch-up very simple. Most tattoos will not require a touch-up for many years, if ever.

**WHAT KIND OF PAYMENT DO YOU ACCEPT?** We accept cash, VISA, MASTERCARD, DISCOVER, AMEX, and gift certificates. Gift certificates make excellent gifts for Christmas, birthdays, weddings, etc...

**HOW OLD DO I HAVE TO BE TO GET A TATTOO?** You have to be at least 18 to get a tattoo. NO EXCEPTIONS!

### **POST-PROCEDURE CARE TATTOO CARE**

If a typical bandage; soaker pad or saran wrap with soaker pad and tape is used to cover your tattoo after it's finished, this is the aftercare procedure we recommend.

1. Thoroughly wash your hands
2. Remove bandage after 2 to 4 hours, leave it on no longer than 12 hours.
3. Wash the tattoo using warm water, fragrance-free (unscented) white bar soap, and your clean hands. Lather and rinse the tattoo 4 to 5 times or until all ointment and dry blood are gone.
4. For the first day or 2 wash the tattoo at least 3 to 4 times a day using the same fragrance-free soap and clean hands.
5. Around day 3 your tattoo will start to feel dry, begin scabbing and/or flaking, and may itch, when these things start to happen you may begin using a small amount of fragrance-free lotion to soothe your tattooed skin as needed (lotions do nothing to heal your tattoo, only washing helps heal).
6. DO NOT pick or scratch any of the scabs or flakes on your healing tattoo (this could result in loss of color, and potentially cause skin infections).
7. Keep your fresh tattoo out of direct sunlight for 2 to 3 weeks while it is healing.
8. DO NOT submerge or soak your tattoo in water (NO swimming, baths, or hot tubs, however showering is strongly encouraged). PLEASE use common sense in taking care of your new tattoo! Keeping it clean and dry and moisturizing conservatively after washing, will ensure your tattoo heals quickly and will look solid for years to come! DO NOT LISTEN to others'

suggestions on aftercare, remember, we are professionals, and know how the tattoos we do will heal the best. If you have any questions, please call us. The only stupid question is that one that goes unasked, resulting in poor healing and bad experiences.

### Saniderm Aftercare Instructions

If a clear piece of Saniderm or Tegaderm is used to cover your tattoo after it's finished, this is how we recommend taking care of it.

1. You will notice a bit of build-up under the bandage of blood and other fluids, this is normal. Ideally, you can leave your bandage in place for 24-72 hours. If the fluid build-up under the bandage becomes excessive within the first 24 hours, remove the bandage and wash with mild, fragrance-free NON-ANTI bacterial bar soap (dove, ivory, etc.)
2. Pat dry with a clean towel or paper towel.
3. Wash your new tattoo twice a day with your mild, fragrance-free bar soap twice daily for the first week.
4. Toward the end of the third or fourth day after getting tattooed, you will notice some scabbing, peeling, and flaking of skin on your new tattoo. Don't pick or scratch at it. This is normal. You're ready to apply a small amount of lotion after washing. We suggest again using a mild and fragrance-free variety, keri, ucerin, and lubriderm all work well. Baby-safe lotions are also a good choice. Remember, it's the washing and not the moisturizing that will help heal your new tattoo. The lotion is mostly for comfort while healing.
5. 7. Keep your fresh tattoo out of direct sunlight for 2 to 3 weeks while it is healing.
6. 8. DO NOT submerge or soak your tattoo in water (NO swimming, baths, or hot tubs, however showering is strongly encouraged). PLEASE use common sense in taking care of your new tattoo! Keeping it clean and dry and moisturizing conservatively after washing, will ensure your tattoo heals quickly and will look solid for years to come! DO NOT LISTEN to others' suggestions on aftercare, remember, we are professionals, and know how the tattoos we do will heal the best. If you have any questions, please call us. The only stupid question is that one that goes unasked, resulting in poor healing and bad experiences.

TAKE CARE OF YOUR NEW TATTOO AND ENJOY!

### THINGS TO CONSIDER BEFORE GETTING A TATTOO

- \* Eat a good meal at least two hours before getting tattooed. It makes the tattoo session a lot easier!
- \* Do not drink heavily or do drugs the night before or the day of your tattoo.
- \* Avoid getting tattooed if the area of skin is dry, sunburned, has scars, or has acne.
- \* Apply lotion to the area of skin being tattooed every day for a week prior to tattoo.
- \* Make sure your body is healthy enough to be tattooed (No Cold, Flu, HIV, Diabetes, etc.).

\* Avoid getting tattooed before a vacation, joining Sports, lifeguarding, and going to a water park. \* Is your design choice able to be a good-looking tattoo? It may not be able to be a tattoo if it is too small or has too much detail.

\* Take your time when choosing your tattoo. It is going to be on your body for the rest of your life.

**SAFETY GUIDELINES** Safety First! At 920 Tattoo LLC, we are just as concerned with the customer's safety as we are with our own. It all starts with proper hygiene: bathing, hand-washing, clean clothing, etc. Before and after every tattoo and piercing we clean our area with microbicidal spray. Every customer gets a one-time use needle when being tattooed and/or pierced. All needles are also sterilized beforehand in our Hydroclave. The tools used in piercings and the tubes used for tattoos are all scrubbed until spotless, and then sterilized. Disposable ink caps are used to put your ink in, to ensure that every customer gets their own supply of ink. Our artists wear disposable latex gloves. We also use disposable nitrile gloves that do not contain latex, for those sensitive to latex. We follow these basic guidelines very strictly, along with the universal precautions for cross-contamination. We are proud to say that we helped set the state of Wisconsin guidelines and regulations for tattooing and body piercing. If you have any additional questions please contact us! (920) 479-6144

## Piercing Information

Listed below are our prices for piercings. Prices include the cost of basic implant grade titanium jewelry, and the piercing fee. Our recommended aftercare product is Neilmed Sterile Saline Spray. This is included with every new piercing. We also carry an alcohol-free mouthwash for your oral and/or lip piercings. The healing times are included underneath the prices. Remember, these are the average healing times for each piercing, and each individual's body reacts differently to piercings and may take a longer or shorter period of time to heal.

## Piercing Prices

Aftercare is included with all piercings

Navel - Piercing fee \$40 + cost of jewelry (\$45 and up)

Nostril - Piercing fee \$40 + cost of jewelry (\$25 and up)

Septum - Piercing fee \$40 + cost of jewelry (\$25 and up)

Bridge - Piercing fee \$40 + cost of jewelry (\$30 and up)

Eyebrow - Piercing fee \$40 + cost of jewelry (\$30 and up)

Tongue - Piercing fee \$40 + cost of jewelry (\$30 and up)

Lip - Piercing fee \$40 + cost of jewelry (\$25 and up)  
Cheeks - Piercing fee \$60 + cost of jewelry (\$60 and up)  
Vermillion - Piercing fee \$40 + cost of jewelry (\$25 and up)  
Vertical Labret - Piercing fee \$40 + cost of jewelry (\$30 and up)

Ear lobe (single)- Piercing fee \$20 + cost of jewelry (\$25 and up)  
Ear lobe (double) - Piercing fee \$30 + cost of jewelry (\$50 and up)  
Helix - Piercing fee \$40 + cost of jewelry (\$25 and up)  
Industrial - Piercing fee \$40 + cost of jewelry (\$45 and up)  
Tragus - Piercing fee \$40 + cost of jewelry (\$25 and up)  
Conch - Piercing fee \$40 + cost of jewelry (\$35 and up)  
Daith - Piercing fee \$40 + cost of jewelry (\$25 and up)  
Anti-tragus - Piercing fee \$40 + cost of jewelry (\$30 and up)  
Flat - Piercing fee \$40 + cost of jewelry (\$25 and up)  
Forward helix - Piercing fee \$40 + cost of jewelry (\$25 and up)  
Rook - Piercing fee \$40 + cost of jewelry (\$30 and up)  
Faux Snug - Piercing fee \$60 + cost of jewelry (\$50 and up)  
Faux Rook - Piercing fee \$40 + cost of jewelry (\$25 and up)

Nipple (single) - Piercing fee \$40 + cost of jewelry (\$30 and up)  
Nipples set - Piercing fee \$80 + cost of jewelry (\$60 and up)  
Hood - Piercing fee \$80 + cost of jewelry (\$40 and up)  
Labia - Piercing fee \$80 + cost of jewelry (\$30 and up)  
Frenum - Piercing fee \$80 + cost of jewelry (\$30 and up)  
Prince Albert - Piercing fee \$80 + cost of jewelry (\$30 and up)  
Dydoe - Piercing fee \$80 + cost of jewelry (\$40 and up)  
Dermal - Piercing fee \$40 + cost of jewelry (\$35 and up)

### **(GENERAL) PIERCING AFTERCARE**

Aftercare products needed: 1. Neilmed Sterile Saline Spray, warm water

- Wash your hands thoroughly •

- \*Use warm water on a clean finger or clean paper towel to remove any crusties, dried blood or debris.

- \*Rinse thoroughly with warm water (rinsing during your daily shower works perfectly)

- \*Spray both the front and back of your piercing with Neilmed sterile saline spray. For hard-to-reach places, or where there is extra build-up, spray a Q-Tip with Neilmed and use it to brush away excess debris.

- \*Pat dry with a clean paper towel or a hairdryer set on cool

### **AVOID:**

- Touching your piercing without prior hand washing
- Oral and bodily fluid contact from others and the piercing area
- Harsh cleaning agents (like rubbing alcohol and hydrogen peroxide) and Antibiotic ointments (like Neosporin, Bacitracin, etc) do more harm than good
- Submerging your piercing site in hot tubs, lakes or swimming pools for the first month
- Tanning (during healing) ◦ The tissue around your piercing to become darker or lighter, this discoloration can be permanent ◦ Extreme temperatures can disrupt the delicate new cells of a healing piercing ◦ Tanning lotion or oil is a no-no inside your piercing

### **ORAL PIERCINGS:**

Aftercare products that work well for most people:

1. Alcohol-free mouthwash (Which you may buy at our shop or dilute 75% water and 25% Listerine)
2. Neilmed Sterile Saline Spray

Note: The use of Listerine in full strength or other alcohol-based mouth rinse is not suggested due to the damaging effects on the newly formed tissue.

Cleaning procedures that work well for most people:

1. For the first 3-4 weeks, rinse with alcohol-free mouthwash 2-3 times daily. Use approximately one capful and rinse for 60 seconds.
2. Wash your hands with non-scented bar soap and check the tightness of your jewelry. Check the tightness of jewelry at least once daily. Talking and eating can sometimes cause the balls to loosen.
3. Rinse once daily with warmed NeilMed sterile saline

### **IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR ALL ORAL PIERCINGS:**

1. Keep your mouth to yourself for the next six weeks. This includes oral sex and deep, wet kissing. This also includes sharing smoking utensils, cigarettes, and sodas.
2. It is a good idea to quit smoking during healing time. If you can't quit, cut back greatly. The sucking motion (as with straws or hard candy) will put unneeded pressure on the piercing.
3. Do not play with your piercing while it is healing. This sort of excess abuse can result in a prolonged healing time, and cause the piercing to tear.
4. It is a good idea to get a new toothbrush at this time.
5. Avoid whitening kinds of toothpaste and mouthwash. This can disrupt your healing and cause damage to your new piercing.
6. You can gently use a toothbrush to clean your jewelry to prevent plaque build-up.

Tongue Piercing general info:

1. You will likely experience tongue swelling with your piercing. Ibuprofen and ice can help reduce the swelling. It is a good idea to reduce the amount of talking you do, and reduce your intake of hot foods and beverages. Eating soft foods will reduce the amount of chewing and make eating more comfortable. Be sure to keep your fluid intake high, even though you may not be eating as much as you normally do. Also, it is a good idea, when showing your piercing to

people, to simply open your mouth and let them look - do not try to manipulate the jewelry in and out of your mouth while you are healing.

2. You may notice a sore spot on the bottom of your mouth where the ball rests against your palate. This will toughen up, or callus, in a few days. If the irritation persists, contact your body piercer.

3. You may notice a divot on the top of your tongue where the ball rests. This is very normal and will go away.

4. Your tongue may develop a whitish or yellowish protrusion of skin out from the top or bottom of the piercing site. This is a normal part of the scar tissue forming and will go away.

5. Your initial jewelry is oversized to accommodate swelling. After 4 weeks, you may come in and purchase a shorter piece of jewelry. Downsizing your jewelry will save wear and tear on your teeth and gum line.

#### Normal Stages/General Info:

- Soreness, tenderness in the first weeks
- Redness and slight swelling (ibuprofen and ice can help reduce this)
- Dried discharge for the duration of healing time
- Itchiness (this is for a short period of time)
- Your initial jewelry is oversized to accommodate swelling, your piercer will give you a recommended time frame for when it is appropriate to downsize your jewelry. Some piercings may require multiple downsizing before reaching your final fit.

\*Remember during the healing time for your new piercing DO NOT remove your jewelry.

\* Do not sleep on your piercing during healing. Travel pillows help greatly with this.

\*Do not pick or play with your piercings

- Healthy people heal faster, here are some things you can do to encourage a speedy and smooth healing experience: ◦ Get plenty of rest, eat nutritious foods, and drink lots of water ◦ If you smoke, the carbon monoxide causes the narrowing of the blood vessels. Smoking also suppresses our immune function.

If you have any concerns or questions about your new piercing please give us a call. We will be more than happy to check out your piercing and see if there is anything wrong with it.

## **Thanks, and see you soon!**

-The crew at the 920 Tattoo Company, Oshkosh, WI